

1. (canceled) ~~Process for the production of surface finished paper or board ( $B_w$ ), characterized in that an aqueous solution ( $L_w$ ) of a surface finishing active ingredient ( $W$ ) is applied to a hydrophilic paper or board sheet ( $B$ ),  
in which ( $W$ ) consists of  
( $W_1$ ) polyethylene glycol with an average molecular weight  $\overline{M}_w$  of  $> 1500$   
and optionally at least one further additive which is a further finishing additive and/or a formulation additive,  
and the paper or board sheet surface treated with ( $L_w$ ) is fed through smoothing rolls and dried.~~
2. (canceled) ~~Process according to Claim 1, characterized in that ( $W$ ) consists of at least 30 % by weight of ( $W_1$ ) and any remainder to 100 % by weight of at least one further of the finishing additives ( $W_2$ ) and ( $W_3$ ) and/or formulation additives ( $W_4$ ), in which  
( $W_2$ ) is at least one dye and/or optical brightener,  
( $W_3$ ) is at least one wet strength additive  
and ( $W_4$ ) is at least one agent for pH adjustment.~~
3. (canceled) ~~Process according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that ( $W$ ) contains at least one non-finishing formulation additive ( $F$ ).~~
4. (canceled) ~~Process according to one of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that ( $L_w$ ) essentially consists of ( $W$ ) and water.~~
5. (canceled) ~~Process according to one of Claims 1 to 4, at a line pressure of the smoothing rolls in the range of 8 to 500 KN/m.~~
6. (canceled) ~~Process according to one of Claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the paper or board sheet surface treated with ( $L_w$ ) is calendered.~~

7. (currently amended) Surface finishing agent for paper or board which is a solution ( $L_w$ ) as defined in Claim 4, consisting essentially of:  
a surface-finishing active ingredient (W) which consists essentially of ( $W_1$ ) polyethylene glycol with an average molecular weight  $\overline{M}_w$  of  $> 1500$   
and optionally at least one further additive which is a further finishing additive and/or a formulation additive, and water; and  
wherein (F) where (F) is selected from,  
    ( $F_{11}$ ) antifoams  
    and ( $F_{12}$ ) agents for protecting against the damaging effect of microorganisms,  
    and with a ( $W_1$ )-content in the range of 0.1 to 20 %.
8. (original) Surface finishing agent according to Claim 7 which is an antiyellowing agent for paper or board.
9. (canceled) ~~Paper or board ( $B_w$ ) surface finished in accordance with any one of Claims 1 to 6.~~
10. (canceled) ~~Paper or board ( $B_w$ ) according to Claim 9 which is essentially size free and is simultaneously intaglio printing and offset printing paper or board.~~
11. (canceled) ~~Process for the production of graphically processed paper or board by application of at least one graphic ink pattern to a substrate of paper or board, and drying, characterized in that the substrate used for this purpose is surface finished paper ( $B_w$ ) or surface finished board ( $B_w$ ) according to Claim 8 or 9.~~
12. (new) Surface finishing agent for paper or board which is a solution ( $L_w$ ) consisting essentially of:  
    a surface-finishing active ingredient (W) which consists of: ( $W_1$ ) polyethylene glycol with an average molecular weight  $\overline{M}_w$  of  $> 1500$  and at least one further additive which is selected from the group of : a further finishing additive, a formulation additive, or combinations thereof, and

water, and optionally at least one non-finishing formulation additive (F), where (L<sub>w</sub>) contains: (F) or (W<sub>3</sub>) a wet strength additive or (F) and (W<sub>3</sub>), where (F) is (F<sub>1</sub>) which is selected from the group of:

(F<sub>11</sub>) antifoams

and (F<sub>12</sub>) agents for protecting against the damaging effect of microorganisms.

13. (new) Paper or board (B<sub>w</sub>) surface-finished with the surface finishing agent as claimed in claim 12.
14. (new) Paper or board (B<sub>w</sub>) according to claim 13 which is essentially size-free and is simultaneously intaglio printing and offset printing paper or board.
15. (new) Process for the production of graphically processed paper or board by application of at least one graphic ink pattern to a substrate of paper or board, and drying, where the substrate used for this purpose is surface-finished paper (B<sub>w</sub>) or surface-finished board (B<sub>w</sub>) according to claim 13.
16. (new) Process for the production of graphically processed paper or board by application of at least one graphic ink pattern to a substrate of paper or board, and drying, where the substrate used for this purpose is surface-finished paper (B<sub>w</sub>) or surface-finished board (B<sub>w</sub>) according to claim 14.